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1. New Palestine approach urged—The US member of the Palestine Conciliation Commission (PCC) reports that the Arab delegations, dissatisfied with the PCC's inactivity, may refuse further participation. The US representative therefore believes the time has come for a new approach to the task of the PCC. In view of the deteriorating situation at the PCC talks and in Palestine, where Israeli-Jordan negotiations have suffered a set-back, the US member proposes serious consideration be given to the possibility of suggesting that Jordan make a request for direct talks with Israel under PCC auspices, such talks to be coupled, if need be, with mediation.

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